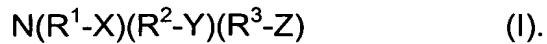


## ABSTRACT

A reagent for use in immunoassays reduces interference in particle agglutination assays. The reagent contains particles having covalently bound antibodies and a tertiary amine compound of formula (I):



The moieties R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, and R<sup>3</sup> are independently alkyl or alkyl ether. The moieties X, Y, and Z are independently –OH, -O-R<sup>4</sup>, -S-R<sup>4</sup>, –C(=O)-OH, –C(=O)-OR<sup>4</sup>, or –C(=O)-NHR<sup>4</sup> (R<sup>4</sup> is alkyl).